

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Patel for the helpful and courteous telephonic interview he conducted with applicant's representatives on March 23, 2006. During such interview, the merits of the claimed invention relative to the art of record were discussed, and it was agreed that claims 1, 3, 4, 13 and 14, as amended, which are presented in this Amendment-F, patentably distinguish the claimed invention over the prior art of record.

Upon entry of the present Amendment-F, claims 1-2 and 13-28 remain pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 13 and 14 are independent. Claims 3-12 have been canceled by the present amendment, as they have been previously withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Other Matters

Claim 1 has been amended herein to expressly define that a door for a vehicle includes a windowpane; that the C shape section having an opening facing away from the passenger's space; and that the C shape section is an open structure situated between the windowpane and the passenger's space. Claims 3, 13 and 14 have been similarly amended.

Applicant respectfully submits that such amendments are fully supported, as agreed upon by the applicant's representatives and the Examiner, by the original disclosure, including Figs. 11-18 and the discussion thereof at paragraphs [128] – [155]. Applicant also respectfully submits that these amendments including new claims do not introduce any impermissible "new matter" into the

application.

Conclusion

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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